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It now appears, since the visit of a Urited States war vessel, that Honduras will make all the reparation possible to the widow of the American, Renton, who was killed in that country some time ago. The damage done to the Renten estate amounts to about \$35,000, the payment of which will paralyze the Honduran treasury.

PRESIDENT DOLE, of Hawali, is not at all miffed because United States Minister Willisdid not invite him to a reception given by the latter to Admiral Beardslee, and the officers of the Philadelphia, notwithstanding the failure to do so has caused great excitement in Honolulu. From the manner in which Minister Thurston was treated by the American administration, and this alleged slight to the Hawaiian president by the representative of the United States, it would appear that the executive department of this government is not anxious to promote cordial relations between the two republics.

It is impossible to secure confirmation at Washington of the report from London that the United States has consented to enter in the proposed international monetary conference, but the best information obtainable is to the effect that in case the call is issued, the President will accept the invitation under the terms of the law enacted during the last Congress and appoint the three delegates necessary to complete the commission on behalf of this country. Silver is not only rising in value as a commodity; but the necessity of its use, as money, is daily becoming more widely appreciated."

SPAIN is preparing to make it warm and interesting for the revolutionists in Cuba. Senor Canovas del Castillio, the new premier, says in six months the government will send 20,000 men to the island, and if necessary the number will be increased to 100,000. The whole disturbed territory will be occupied by Spanish soldiers, and the most vigorous measures inaugurated to quell the rebellion, which the Spanish government gressions on the part of Japan. admits is assuming serious proportions. A few substantial successes on the part of the rebels would largely increase the number of filibusters from the United States, where the advocates of Cuban annexation are many and outspoken.

THE report that the Spanish government is taking steps to meet the requests of the United States in the Allianca affair by relieving the commander of the offending cruiser from duty and instructing all other Spanish officers in Cuban waters to conform to the requirements of international law. is the cause of much gratification in official circles at Washington, and shows that the incident has already passed into a phase where it will yield to the ordinary methods of diplomacy. There never has been any real danger of war resulting from the Allianca affair, no:withstanding the blundering manner in which the diplomatic features of the case have been conducted by the State Department at Washington. However, it is pleasant to note that one of the many foreign complications in which this country has been involved will be satisfactorily adjusted in due course of

greatly emphasized this week by advances in quotations, not only for coke, but prospectively for iron and for bessemer pig iron, for steel billets and actually for manufactured iron at Western markets.

Firmness in cotton and the late advance has shown itself in higher quotations, not only for print cloths, but other varieties for cotton goods, some of them 16@14 of a cent higher than a fortnight ago. The better feeling in general trade circles, which characterized reports from a number of cities, has become more widespread, and even where no actual gain in movement of staples is reported, increased confidence in a better demand is marked. The total clearances at the principal cities for the past week show a total of \$888,-359,464, which is an increase of 20.8 over the corresponding week last year, exclusive of New York, \$391,373,779, which is an increase of 14.3 per cent.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH WAR CLOUD.

Alleged French encroachments on, British territory in Africa threaten to rupture the pescaful relations which have existed between the two countries since the days of Napoteon Bonaparte. France already has a standing grievance against England, in the occupation of Egypt by that country and British control of the Sucz canal. She failed to avail herself of the offer for a joint intervention in the affairs of the late Khedive, and has been mad with England and herself ever since.

French advances in northern and western Africa have been going on steadily for a long time, and as Great Britain has been busily engaged in gob bling up territory on the dark continent and in every other quarter of the globe for hundreds of years it is hard for a conflict of jurisdiction between the two countries to be avoided at this stage of the game. A war between France and England would be a battle of giants. The former country has a fine navy and can mobiliza a million of men for the field in a short time. She has been preparing for revenge on Germany for the spollation of 1870, but as the opportunity has never arrived, her immense armament can be made available against her once hereditary fee Great Britain. The war, however, will not come until all the resources of diplomacy have failed.

PEACE ALMOST IN SIGHT.

The declaration of an armistice between China and Japan will be hailed with satisfaction throughout the world. The war has shown beyond all doubt the great superiority of Japan over China in all the elements that contribute to national success and greatness. Hardly a single repulse has been met by the victors in their steady ad vance since the commencement of hostilities, and it is now plain, even to China herself, that unless peace is agreed upon or foreign powers intervene, the latter country will soon be at the mercy of the conquerors.

How a nation of only 40,000,000, and of the same race, could so easily overcome one of 400,000,000, is a marvel of history, despite the allowances to be made for the wonderful progress of Japan in the past thirty years. The work on her part, however, has been well done, and, in the interest of humanity and civilization, the war ought to coase. That such is the sentiment of the great powers largely interested in trade with China and Japan is very evident, and whether the belligerents agree between themselves to cease fighting or not, it is more than probable that England, Germany, France and Russia will, in case the peace negotiations fall, call a halt to further ag-

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Lincoln J. Carter's "Fast Mail" and "Wang," a Comic Opera.

Manager Hooper announces that the next attraction at the Academy of Music will be Lincoln J. Carter's "The Fast Mail," on Tuesday evening, April Fast Mail," on Tuesday evening, April
2. This has been one of the greatest successes known to the stage for years. It has a story of thrilling interest, and the scenic and other mechanical effects are said to be marvelous. There is a representation of an engine room on a Mississippi steamboat, with the furnaces under the boilers in active operation. A very realistic train of cars shoot across the stage, and the Niagara Falls scene is one of the most elaborate and daring things ever undertaken in the

scene is one of the most elaborate and daring things ever undertaken in the drama. It is described as a beautiful, vivid and accurate representation of that stupendous marvel of nature.

The Falls are shown by moonlight, with the roaring and plunging waters, and the mist that rises from the seething current. One of the most prominent of the play's features is the complete freight train of fourteen cars, with an illuminated caboose, drawn by a practical locomotive. The play itself has thrilling situations in abundance, plenty of humor to lighten its tone and give it an agreeable flavor throughout.

Seats are now on sale.

Another Fine Attraction

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"Wang," the greatest of all comic operas, comes, to the Academy early in April. Probably the first impression produced by Virginia Earl as Mataya in the coming production of "Wang" will be her remarkable facial resemblance to Della Fox. to say nothing of her exact reproduction is this so plainly indicated as in the tendency of prices. A week ago encouragement had been obtained from a generally unexpected advance in cotton and wheat. Following their slight reaction, the week has witnessed a firm cotton market, further improvement in wheat with a sympathetic influence on corn and oats, the effect of which is



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A DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT. The Piano Recital at Virgin la College Last Night.

Night.

A delightful piano recital was given at Virginia College last night by Miss Dorothy Carr and Miss Bessie Stewart, graduates in music, assisted by Miss Anne Fulton, contralto soloist; the recital being under the direction of Prof. Henninges, the head of the musical faculty of the college.

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The pregram prepared by Professor Henninges was very fine, embodying solections from Beethoven, Bach, Handel, Scauman, Chopin, and Skint Saens' works—a goodly array of the best masters of musical composition—and its interpretation by his pupils, the Misses Carr and Stawart, reflected great credit on thom, and proclaimed the excellent schooling at his hands which made their success possible.

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Both of these young ladies showed good technique, fine execution and intelligens conception in their solo performing s, and one of the most attractive features of the program was their ensemble playing, particularly in Saint Stens' "Poeme Symphonique and Danse Macabre," which closed the performance.

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Miss Dorothy Carr's best solo performance was the group of short compositions, comprising Schuman's Nachstuck, Chopin's 'Impromptu in A Flat," and a pastorole, "Pan's Flute," by Godard. Miss Bestie Stewart's most successful interpretation was that of the groups, comprising B-ethoven's "Adayto molto and Finale prestissimos," and Haudel's beautiful "Gavotte in B Flat," arranged by Sivrai.

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A very pleasant leature of the programme was the introduction of two of Prof. Henninges' own compositions, in both of which the professor gave evidence of rare talens as a composer.

Miss Anne velton, the vocalist of the evening, has a pure, sweet and sympathetic contralto voice, particularly rice in the middle and lower register; each of her songs toceived an enthusiastic encore. If ir opening song, Schubert's "Wanderer," was hardly a wise selection, as this requires a robust baritone voice to make it effective, and a contralto should never be required to attemptit.

Miss Fulton's voice is pre-eminently suited to legate music, which was evidenced by her charming rendition of Raff's "Ave Maris," with violin obligate most acceptably played by her sister, Miss Tot Fulton. The recital was a most pleasant affair and reflects great credit on Virginia College and its excellent musical faculty.

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Home Rule for Great Britsin and Ireland. London, March 29.—In the house of commons to-day, Mr. Jas. Henry Dalziel, liberal member for the Kirkcaldy district, moved the adoption of a resolution to give home rule to England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The reso lution was adopted by a vote of 126 to

SHE WAS AN HONEST BAKER. How Margaret, of New Orleans, Earned a

"The agitation of the cheap bread question reminds me of Margaret, New Orleans, whose honesty as a baker caused a monument to be erected to her memory," said a resident of New Orleans, according to the Cincinnati Enquirer. "My city adopted Cincinnati Enquirer. "My city adopted the plan in vogue in Europe, and passed an ordinance regulating the weight of loaves of bread, and providing for the appointment of a bread inspector. In spite of all the efforts of that official the bread still continued to weigh light, and it seemed as though there was a combination among the bakers to defeat the purpose of the ordinance. One morning a load of bread was sent to the inspector, and every loaf was full weight. It came from a modest bake shop kept by a woman named Margaret. What her other name was none ever knew, but the word passed through the city that there was one honest baker, and soon she could not supply the demand for her bread. When prosperity smiled on her she gave thousands of loaves to the poor who could not buy, and none did more for the suffering and needy ones

of the city.
"She was known everywhere by her deeds of charity, and when she died a monument was erected toher memory."

How to Keep Sweet Potatoe

There are half a dozen ways of keeping sweet potatoes through the winter in Virginia, one being to lift a stone of the old-fashioned hearth, and put the potatoes underneath. Warmth and dryness, the essential conditions, are thus obtained. The white potato, on the other hand, is placed in a barrel sunk deep in the garden and well cov-ered up. Either is delicious baked in the ashes of the hearth.

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EAT THEIR DOGS.

Uncleanly Habits of the Coreans-Hotels

Like Pig-Sties.
The first thing that strikes a visitor to a Corean village is the surprising subpopulation of dogs, says Harper's Weekly. Every house seems to possess a pack of these spiritless curs, which are a gray variety of the Chinese chowdog. They display a more than passing interest in a European traveler, and a free use of one's stick is necessary to keep them at bay. On investigation one discovers that they form the staple article of diet of the population. Unlike most Asiatic races, the Coreans are meat enters, and these dogs, being always at band offent the always at hand, afford the necessary food with the minimum of exertion and expense. Another curious feature of the Corean diet is the total absence of tea, the most universal beverage of enstern Asia.

Frequently one sees a Corean forag-Frequently one sees a Corean foraging for the evening meal. The method is simple, though unpleasant. He is armed with a short pole, to the end of which is attached a noose. This he throws over the head of the nearest dog, and then proceeds to serew the pole round till the noose tightens, and slowly throttles the dog, who is meanwhile prevented from getting to close quarters with its butcher by thrusts of the pole. the pole.
This country is much infested by the

great long-coated Mongolian tiger.
This magnificent animal, though a considerable source of revenue on account of its valuable skin, is nevertheless much dreaded by the natives. So serious are the ravages committed by them that the king was forced to organ-ize a regiment of "royal tiger hunters," and these constitute the corps d'elite

of the Corean army.

Traveling in Corea can hardly be described as luxurious. The Corean is not lavish of home comforts for himself, and he certainly provides a mini-mum of the same for the traveling foreigner. The average Corean hotel compares unfavorably with a modern pig-sty, and one has to sleep as best one can in the midst of surprising dirt, a colony of cattle and fowls, and other things which shall be nameless.

THE smallest diocese in the world is said to be that of St. Helena. Besides the bishop, Dr. Thomas E. Welby, whose salary is ₹900, it has only three clergymen.

THE ezar has lately instructed the government of Warsaw, Wilna and Kieff not to dismiss or transfer anybody in the state service on account of



After Scarlet Fever

ne trace of the venomous disease is almost sure to remain in the blood to torture the life of the victim whom it does not wholly conquer. To theroughly expel this and all other impurities from the blood, Hood's Sar saparilla is the best medicine known. Hun-dreds of young people owe their good health to it. Charlie Foss is one. Read his father's letter:
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hold were affileted with searlet fever. Charlie, three years old, was left with an

Abscess in One Ear

which affected his hearing. The abscess grew worse, it discharged freely and the matter was quite offensive. We were obliged to use a syringe twice a day. After more than a year physicians decided that it might take years to neal the abscess, and it was likely he would

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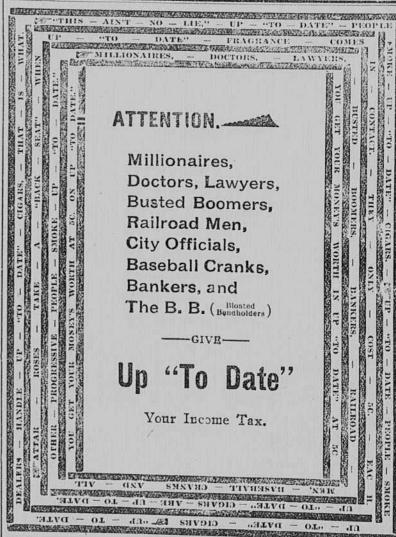
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